

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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*"For where two or three  
come together in my name,  
there am I with them."*

*Matthew 18:20, NIV*

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #486** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Text by Charles Wesley

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### **Greeting and Collect for Purity**

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*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Glory to God** [Hymn #686]

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

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**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Exodus 12:1–14

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

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<sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 149

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber  
Tune Hymn #14 Tallis's Canon

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| 1 Hallelujah! Sing praise to God,<br>Among the faithful let praise ring;<br>Let Israel, Zion's children too,<br>Rejoice in their Creator King.           | 4 To wreak God's vengeance on all lands,<br>The punishment which he ordains;<br>To bind their kings with links of iron<br>And place their nobles, too, in chains; |
| 2 In dances praise his Name, and sing<br>With harp and timbrel joyfully;<br>The Lord takes pleasure in his own,<br>Adorns the poor with victory.         | 5 To levy and inflict on them<br>The judgment God decreed by law;<br>This is the glory which God's own<br>Will all receive. Hallelujah!                           |
| 3 Let faithful saints rejoice in bed,<br>Let them be joyful in the Lord;<br>Let praise of God be in their throat<br>And in their hand a two-edged sword; |                                                                                                                                                                   |

Second Reading:

Romans 13:8–14

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet;" and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 18:15–20

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>15</sup> [Jesus said,] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.***The Apostle’s Creed****Hymn #44** “I Believe in God Almighty”

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,<br/>         Father of all things that be,<br/>         maker of the earth and heavens,<br/>         keeper of the sky and sea.<br/>         I believe in God’s Son, Jesus,<br/>         now for us both Lord and Christ,<br/>         of the Spirit and of Mary<br/>         born to bring abundant life.</p> | <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,<br/>         scourged and scorned and crucified;<br/>         taken from the cross, was buried—<br/>         true life there had truly died.<br/>         I believe that on the third day<br/>         Christ was raised up from the grave,<br/>         then ascended to God’s right hand.<br/>         He will come to judge and save.</p> |
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- 3 I believe in God's own Spirit,  
 bonding all the saints within  
 one Church, catholic, and holy,  
 where forgiveness frees from sin;  
 in the body's resurrection,  
 for the breaking of death's chain  
 gives the life that's everlasting:  
 this the faith that I have claimed.

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn #312** "Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

Text by Daniel L. Schutte

**Refrain:**

Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.

1 Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord  
and play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

**Refrain**

2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.

**Refrain**

3 Glad my soul, for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be  
raised.  
I know my Saviour lives.

**Refrain**

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*People*Michael  
Leach*Celebrant*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*People*

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**



**The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #2**

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*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God** [Michael Leach]

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

**The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

# 10

## Communion Hymn #501 "Through All the Changing Scenes"

Paraphrase by Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady

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| 1 | Through all the changing scenes of life,<br>in trouble and in joy,<br>the praises of my God shall still<br>my heart and tongue employ. | 4 | O make but trial of God's love;<br>experience will decide<br>how blest and favoured are they all<br>who in this love confide.                   |
| 2 | O magnify the Lord with me,<br>exalt the sacred name;<br>when in distress to heaven I called,<br>God to my rescue came.                | 5 | Fear God, you saints, and you will then<br>have nothing else to fear;<br>let service be your life's delight;<br>your wants shall be God's care. |
| 3 | The guardian hosts encamp around<br>the dwellings of the just;<br>deliverance they provide to all<br>who in God's shelter trust.       | 6 | To Father, Son, and Spirit blest,<br>the God whom we adore<br>be glory, as it was, is now,<br>and shall be evermore.                            |

### Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### Doxology [Michael Leach]

*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

### Blessing

#### Dismissal

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# 11

## Recessional Hymn #349 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Psalm 100; paraphrase attributed to William Kethe

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| 1 All people that on earth do dwell,<br>sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,<br>him serve with mirth, his praise forth<br>tell;<br>come ye before him and rejoice. | 3 O enter then his gates with praise,<br>approach with joy his courts unto;<br>praise, laud, and bless his name<br>always,<br>for it is seemly so to do. |
| 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;<br>without our aid he did us make;<br>we are his folk, he doth us feed,<br>and for his sheep he doth us take.                   | 4 For why, the Lord our God is good;<br>his mercy is forever sure;<br>his truth at all times firmly stood,<br>and shall from age to age endure.          |

*Please join us for refreshments following the service.*

<b>Today's Scripture Readings</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	<b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
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<b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>
<b>Congregation Cycle</b> Randall P / Hazel P / Myta P / Prince Philip A & Subba P, Miraa & Mika / Nigel P

Celebrant	Rev. Leonard Leader	Organist	Michael Leach
Subdeacon, Preacher & Intercessor	Doug Heyes	Usher	Hazel Perkin, Najme Kolangarani
Reader	Laura Pummell	Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner
Server	Truman Jian	Duty Warden	Ravi Andrews
Videographer	Egan Done	Coffee Hour Hosts	Geraldine & Alan Sperling
		Counters	John Pummell, Felicity Leader

## **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.